

RESOLUTION

FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER
AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE
DISPOSITION PARCEL 5
WEST END URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. 2-3

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority" has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance to the hereinafter identified project; and

WHEREAS, the West End Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan, Project No. Mass. 2-3, hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area", has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, state, and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertakings and carrying out of the urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under said Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority has determined that the proposal as submitted conforms to the West End Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the First Methodist Religious Society in Boston be and hereby is designated as Redeveloper of Parcel 5 in the West End Urban Renewal Area.
2. That it is hereby determined that the First Methodist Religious Society in Boston possesses the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and develop the land in accordance with the Land Assembly and Redevelopment Plan, for the Project Area.
3. That disposal of said parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.

Disposition Parcels 5-2A and 5-2B are adjacent to the Retina Foundation and to the rear of the Old West Church and consist of a total of 1,255 square feet. The Retina Foundation, the proposed developer, intends to use this land for a parking area and also for landscaping. The Authority approved disposition prices of \$160.00 for Parcel 5-2A and \$115.00 for Parcel 5-2B on October 28, 1971.

It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the attached resolutions finally designating the above mentioned organizations as Redevelopers of Parcels 4, 5, 5-2A and 5-2B, respectively.

The appropriate resolutions are attached.

MEMORANDUM

SEPTEMBER 7, 1972

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPERS
AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE
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Summary: This Memorandum requests;

- 1) that the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities be finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel 4;
- 2) that the First Methodist Religious Society in Boston be finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel 5;
- 3) that the Retina Foundation be finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcels 5-2A and 5-2B.

It is further requested that the Authority authorize the conveyance of these parcels to the proposed Redevelopers.

Disposition Parcel 4 in the West End Urban Renewal Area consists of 2,084 square feet. This fragment parcel is located adjacent and to the rear of 141 Cambridge Street, the headquarters of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, more commonly known as the Harrison Gray Otis House. The proposed developer intends to utilize this land for a driveway and also for landscaping purposes. The Authority approved a disposition price of \$460.00 for Parcel 4 on October 28, 1971.

Disposition Parcel 5 is located on the corner of Cambridge Street and the now widened Staniford Street and consists of 3,682 square feet. The Authority's Urban Design Department has been assisting the proposed developer, the First Methodist Religious Society in Boston (the Old West Church), in drawing plans on how they might improve Parcel 5 and integrate its use with their present structure. It is intended to restrict the use of this parcel to landscaping. The Authority approved a disposition price of \$810.00 for Parcel 5 on October 28, 1971.

4. That the Director is hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement and Deed conveying Parcel 5 to the First Methodist Religious Society in Boston, said documents to be in the Authority's usual form.

5. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed disposal transaction in accordance with Section 105 (E) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including information with respect to the "Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure."